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The Honorable André Bauer
President of the Senate
State House, 1st Floor, East Wing
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my signature S. 804, R-164.

This veto is based on my belief that this bill is unconstitutional. S. 804, R-164, proposes to authorize the Oconee County Registration and Elections Commission, created by unconstitutional special legislation through Act 604 of 1994, to appoint and remove the Executive Director. As such, this legislation affects only Oconee County and is, therefore, clearly an act for a specific county.

Such acts are in violation of Article VIII, Section 7, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, which provides that "[n]o laws for a specific county shall be enacted." Acts similar to S. 804, R-164, have been struck down by the South Carolina Supreme Court as violative of Article VIII, Section 7.

For this reason, I am vetoing and returning S. 804, R-164, to you without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mark Sanford", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Sanford